

**CHAPTER NO. 157**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1946**

**By Fowler, McLeary, Burks**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 727**

**By Lynn, Maggart, Hill**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to efforts of TennCare fraud units.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 25, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-2510. (a) The TennCare inspector general shall annually report by October 1 of each year for the prior fiscal year to the governor and the general assembly on the activities of the inspector's office. The report shall include actual numbers of complaints, investigation, charges, prosecutions, convictions and appeals.

(b) The director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation shall annually report to the governor and the general assembly on the activities of the medicaid fraud control unit within the criminal investigation division. The report shall include actual numbers of complaints, investigation, charges, prosecutions, convictions and appeals.


SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-2510. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or of Title 38, the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the office of TennCare inspector general are authorized to investigate allegations of fraud or abuse involving TennCare managed care organizations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 2, 2005**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR